

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY LINGO) COMMUNICATIONS NORTH, LLC FKA IONEX) COMMUNICATIONS NORTH, LLC DBA) BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPROVAL) OF ITS ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF NO. 8)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS TC18-061
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On December 14, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Ionex Communications North, LLC dba Birch Communications for approval of revisions to its Access Services Tariff. This filing is intended to replace, in its entirety, Ionex Communications North, LLC dba Birch Communications' Access Services Tariff No. 7 currently on file with the Commission. The proposed tariff provisions are filed to reflect the change of the company name to Lingo Communications North, LLC (Lingo) as well minor formatting fixes. The Access Services Tariff, pages 1-65, was filed in regard to this revision. Lingo requested an effective date of December 31, 2018.

On December 20, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 27, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:27.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 28, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the above referenced revisions to Lingo's South Dakota Access Services Tariff No. 8 with an effective date of December 31, 2018. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Lingo Communication North, LLC's South Dakota Access Services Tariff No. 8 is hereby approved, with an effective date of December 31, 2018.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of January 2019.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>01/03/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Eiegen
KRISTIE EIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner